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DEFENCE OF REVIVAL

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"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years . . . in wrath remember mercy."—Hab. 3:2.

God has the right to deal with us any way He pleases; I pray that He will not give us what is coming to us, but will bear a little more patiently with us, kiss away our stains of guilt and give us another chance.

We are reminded by that verse that we are in the midst of the years—the one in which we are living. It is a good thing to take an occasional retrospective view, the an introspective view, then a prospective view and try to discover by the introspective what caused you to do the things that make you to hang your head in shame, the things that loom up out of the midst of the past like the periscope of a submarine.

There are a good many things that remind you that the sands of the hourglass of time are fast shifting for many of you. It will not be long until the undertaker

will pump you full of embalming fluid and a quartet will sing, "Lead, kindly light, amid th' encircling gloom; Lead Thou me on."

This prophet, Habakkuk, is supposed to have lived contemporary with Jeremiah, and his prophecy was uttered in anticipation of that old Jewish captivity, which captivity was the result of the people of God mingling, mixing and amalgamating with the people whom God told them to pass up like a bum would a pay car or a hobo a woodpile. But they would not listen to God. They thought they could give the Lord cards and spades, that He was a little too old foggy. They imagined His religion was a little out of date. So the prophet looked down and saw, by the laws and conditions that were then operative, that there was but one inevitable outcome from all that conglomerate mixture and amalgamation; and that was the Babylonish captivity and the baring of their backs to the blows of their taskmasters. So he prayed, "O Lord, revive thy work."

Revive the Crowd

The only way to keep that crowd safe is to revive them. Is what the world needs today more money? Oh, no! It isn't conservation of natural resources nor irrigation projects nor free silver or gold standard that the old

world needs; it needs a baptism of the old-time religion that has warmed the world's cold heart for two thousand years.

There are people who suppose—I suppose they always will suppose—that the only way to promote religion is to move along uniformly in the same old rut. There are two crowds in every church—the ruts and the anti-ruts. So long as they will deliver the goods, I don't give a rap how old the methods are; I don't care if they are moss-covered. But if they don't, there is one place for them and that is the scrap pile.

Some people are scared to death that somebody may do something out of the ordinary that will keep a sinner out of Hell. Some of them would rather see a person go to Hell than for things not to be done "decently and in order."

Now, what is the nature of a revival? It is an increase in religious things. We are facing the growing dominance of the material over the spiritual. You can take a basket of nickels on your arm, walk down the average street, scatter them and then lead the bunch so close to Hell that they could smell the sulphur fumes vomiting from the inferno below.

This is a busy age in which we live. Man has hardly time to stop and comb his hair, or get shaved. You rush into a depot, the brakeman pokes his head in the door, "Twenty minutes for lunch," and you rush over, grab a cup of coffee and a sinker. Then later you go down and spend seventy-five bones getting cured

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The Great White Throne

By EVANGELIST LENNARD DARBEE

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

—Rev. 20:11-15.

The dying Voltaire looked into the faces of those by his bedside and suddenly shrieked, "I am abandoned by God and man! I shall go to Hell! O Christ! O Jesus Christ!"

Altamont, in his last hour, said, "Hell is a refuge, if it hide me from Thy frown!"

Hobbs, the philosopher, laughed at the grace of God while he lived, but when he came to die he screamed, "I am taking a fearful leap into the dark!"

Mirabeau, who helped launch the French revolution, smiled while heads rolled from the guillotine, but in his last hour he held out a trembling hand to his physician and cried, "Give me more laudanum that I may not think of eternity and what is to come!"

Charles IX of France, "What blood, what murders, what evil councils I have followed! I am lost! I see it well!"

Charteris, "I would gladly give thirty thousand pounds to have it proven that there is no hell!"

Cardinal Mazarin, "Oh, my poor soul! What will become of thee? Whither wilt thou go?"

Caesar Borgia, "When I lived, I provided for everything but death; now I must die, and I am unprovided to die!"

Sir Thomas Scott, "Until this moment I thought there was neither God nor Hell; now I know and feel that there are both, and I am doomed to perdition by the just judgment of the Almighty."

Sir Francis Newport, "Oh, the insufferable pangs of Hell! O Eternity! Forever and forever!"

Tom Paine, "I would give worlds, if I had them, if the Age of Reason had never been published. O Lord, help me! Christ, help me! Stay with me! It is hell to be left alone!"

I ask you, did the mere fear of death terrify these world-renowned atheists and agnostics? No, my friends, it was not death they feared, but the things after death. God's Word declares, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Each of these men laughed at God in the day of youth and the



Rev. Lennard Darbee

hour of health, and you, too, may be smiling at this message now, but will that smile stand the fiery ordeal of an approaching eternity? You stand today on an earth marked for judgment. In the whistle of the wind, in the hum of every insect, the minor note in the cry of the finch and the oriole all repeat the same warning, "Passing away. Passing away." The Apostle John warns us that this earth itself shall perish, that Almighty hands shall break down the columns of the great temple. "The earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them."

The Great White Throne

John says, "I saw a great white throne." It is a great throne is the first place because on it sits the Infinite before whom the finite must stand. How men quake in a storm at sea and what stark terror grips their souls as the lightning flashes through the thunderhead and the plane is going down! Now, if the mere shadow of eternity can produce such fear, what will it be like to face eternity with no earth to stand on, no heaven to look to—only the throne of God left?

In the second place, it is a great throne because the sentence from that throne is eternal. In a college Greek class I have seen some who had not studied at trembling like a leaf; yet, if they

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Billy Sunday

"BLESS THE LORD"

By REV. BOB JONES, SR., D.D., LL.D.

(Message given at Sword of the Lord Conference on Evangelism, Chicago, Illinois, Thanksgiving week, 1948. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul."—Psa. 103.

A hobbyist is a man who plays on the same note all the time. He has the best time of any man on earth, but he is a pest! This 103rd Psalm hits all the notes. You cannot find a spiritual note that it does not hit.

Paul played on all the notes. You remember he said, "Ye turned to God from idols [that is conversion] to serve the living and

true God [that is Christian service] . . . to wait for His son from heaven [that is the Christian hope] (I Thess. 1:9, 10).

The worst hobbyists in this country are modernists, not fundamentalists. We are bad enough, but we are not as bad as they are. Hobbyists!

Once in a while I hear a pian-

ist who goes away over and hits a note that ought to be hit just once in a while. What would you think about a fellow who hit that note all the time? It is a nice note, but it is not to be played all the time. There are a few fundamental notes.

Brother, there is one note you cannot overplay, and that is the Jesus note. The blood note, the resurrection note, the regeneration note, the salvation by grace

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Defence of Revival

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for what cost you a jitney.

Isms, Schisms, Ologies

This is a day of isms and schisms and ologies. There never was a time when there were more isms wriggling their carcasses out of the pit of Hell to lead people off on a tangent from the true God, than in your day and mine. The Devil has transformed himself into an angel of light. Fifteen years ago he was assaulting the church through infidelity, led by the archangel of infidelity, Bob Ingersoll. But today the church is being assaulted by isms and schisms and there isn't religion enough in them to float their dirty fallacies! The Devil is a smart guy; he's been preying on this old world for six thousand years. He never has appendicitis or peritonitis; he's always Johnny-on-the-spot.

It's an axiom in regard to all enterprises that the measure of one's preparedness will in a degree determine the measure of his success. Just in proportion as you are prepared to have the spirit of God move upon your heart and through your heart into the community, in that proportion will the Spirit of God move to bring this city to its knees in repentance.

Years ago when Moody was in New York, some of the preachers were knocking him. They said he was crude and a jabberer. His eccentricities and idiosyncrasies greatly astonished and alarmed them.

That reminds me of a lady who came to my tabernacle. Somebody asked her, "What do you think of Mr. Sunday?"

She drew in her diaphragm and said, "Well, he seems to be desperately in earnest. He is a man of contrast. He is January and he is June. He is Mount Vesuvius in a hemorrhage of lava; now he's raining daffodils. Now he's refined and as chaste as a lamb; now he's as slangy as a hobo in a stale beer joint asking for a handout."

So I try to be all things to all people that I might win some to God, and if I don't stick to my text, I will try to stick to my crowd.

Dr. Booth got up before the ministerial association of New York and said of Moody: "Here's a man who has done for weeks what all the Methodist preachers combined could not do. He has arrested, gripped and held the at-

tention of this pleasure-mad community. Instead of growling and grumbling, I think it's up to us to pray."

He said, "I went home with that conviction and prepared a sermon on the text, 'Come; for all things are now ready.' I had two heads—'Come,' and 'Come now.' I preached and gave the invitation. Three young men went into an afternoon meeting weeping their way from sin to salvation."

That was three more, my friends, than they had had for years in that great religious refrigerator.

The man who magnifies the Word of God and the blood of Jesus Christ in his preaching is a man whom God will hurl like a thunderbolt against the mountains of sin that dare lift their heads against the forces of truth!

Men of Fearlessness

Why is it that the names of Wesley, Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, Finney, Moody and multitudes of others stand out as clean-cut as a cameo upon the pages of history? I will tell you! They were men who were conspicuous because of their fearlessness in their assaults upon every form of evil and of evil doers—rich, poor, black, white, native-born or foreign-born. They hurled the anathemas of God into the ranks of sin, irrespective of who might sit and listen. That is the kind of man God will honor, no matter who he may be.

I want to say to this city now, right at the kickoff, that I believe the Bible is the Word of God from cover to cover. So you high-brow preachers know where I stand on this subject.

I believe it, not because I can understand it all; not because I can harmonize it with the philosophies of men, but because the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it and it has delivered the goods for all these centuries. When some big-wig who has dreamed his theories over the beer mugs, tobacco smoke and the battle fumes of Heidelberg and Leipzig butts into me and says to me, "Mr. Sunday, the consensus of the latest scholarship has decreed thus and so regarding the divine origin of the Scriptures," I say, "When the consensus of the latest scholarship says one thing and the Word of God says another, the latest scholarship can go plumb to Hell for all we care."

We may determine tonight whether we will have a spiritual awakening and put the Devil in the hospital before the Fourth of July. The responsibility has never been with God, never! It never will be! I used to say that I could see a revival cloud the size of a man's hand. I used to say, "There is a coming revival." Oh, bless God, I have learned that the promises of God are in the present tense. We can have it now if we will do what God tells us. If your city sags morally; if men are staggering, reeling, vomiting, spewing down the street; if girls are selling their womanhood; if girls hang around your cabarets, hotels and restaurants over-perfumed, over-jeweled, over-fed and under-dressed, it is your fault. A man couldn't look at one of them very long with prayer-meeting thoughts. Don't you forget it! I wonder today that there are as many fellows who keep their decency and their morals as they do, with what is flaunted in their faces.

If the city sags morally, oh, the trouble is not with God but with the citizenship. It's up to you. If the church is losing her power, degenerating into a third-rate amusement bureau and reducing religion to form and ceremony, ritual and an ethical code, the trouble is not with God. If the preachers preach to wood and varnish instead of folks, the trouble isn't with God. If the Devil can scare up more church members at a leg show than at prayer meeting, the trouble isn't with God—it is with the members of that church. You can't blame the Lord for these things. No!

I plead not for a modern revival. I don't know anything about your modern dope. Mine is as old as the cross of Jesus;

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

From time to time, we have been releasing facts and figures about the work of the ministerial students enrolled in Bob Jones University. We have just checked very carefully the reports on file here at the university. We are now prepared to submit the following figures, which according to our record are accurate in every detail. These figures, however, do not give a complete report. There have been hundreds of conversions under the ministry of our ministerial students that have never been recorded. It is our opinion that in all probability the "preacher boys" in Bob Jones University have in the last year lead to the Lord Jesus Christ more than 100,000 people. In addition to what has been done by the ministerial students now enrolled in Bob Jones University, we are getting wonderful reports from our ministerial graduates who are scattered in many parts of the world. These graduates, a number of whom are evangelists and many of whom are pastors and a number of whom are foreign missionaries, have in the last year led many thousands to our Lord. But please note carefully the following:

Since June 16, 1948, until June 1, 1949, which is eleven and a half months, the ministerial students now enrolled in Bob Jones University have conducted 31,438 public religious services. They have dealt personally with 120,317 unsaved people and have made a real effort to win them to the Lord Jesus Christ. They have reported 26,685 people who have definitely accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. They have reported 20,023 people who had been converted but had backslidden and who were restored to fellowship or young people who dedicated their lives for full-time Christian service. These ministerial students have put into the hands of people whom they contacted personally 5,249,870 Gospel tracts that tell sinners how to be saved.

The above figures are conservative. Many results have never been reported, but the report here given is an official record as we have it here on file in the office of the Director of Religious Activities. Remember, this does not include the wonderful

Christian young women students and Christian young men who are not preparing for the ministry but who are active in winning the lost to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Christian girls have in the last twelve months led thousands of unsaved people to our blessed Lord. My friends, I dare say there has never been submitted to the Christian people any report comparable with the report we are submitting to you in this statement.

We are glad that the evangelical Christians of the United States and other lands are co-operating with us in our effort to raise a million dollars for our Student Loan Endowment Fund. We have received during this present school year a little more than \$150,000 of the fund we are endeavoring to raise. This is the minimum goal we set for this school year. It takes a little time to "sell" to the Christian people any plan that is different from the usual plan. Our plan is different. We never offered it to the public until we had experimented with it for fifteen years and found out it works. Now, if you Christian people will contribute the balance of the million dollars that we are trying to raise, Bob Jones University's future will, if the world holds together and if the institution keeps on keeping on giving its evangelistic emphasis (and God helping us, we are going to do it), the financial problem of Bob Jones University will be solved. Remember, in solving the financial problem of the institution, you will at the same time be solving the problem of helping many Christian young people get their education in the orthodox, evangelical Christian atmosphere of Bob Jones University. I have been preaching the Gospel for fifty years, and I honestly tell you that I believe we are offering to Christian people the greatest opportunity they have ever had to invest money for God so it will pay great dividends for time and for eternity. Please help us financially and please pray for us. Thank you and God bless you.

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is as old as the nails that were driven through His hands. I plead for an old Pentecostal revival that will make drunkards sober, that will make thieves to steal no more, that will make blasphemers to pray, that will make men who are keeping somebody on the side and disgracing their wives and children go home and be decent, that will make dead-beats pay their debts and transform this old God-forsaken, whisky-soaked, Christ-baiting, Sabbath-breaking, Lord-damning, harlot-ridden world into a paradise of peace and benediction and blessing.

It's not objectionable. Some people say, "A revival is an abnormal condition."

I say, "You lie!" A revival is a normal condition; and this low, dead, lifeless proposition—that is abnormal. Do you mean to insult God by saying that anything that makes a man pray, kiss his wife instead of beating her up, pay his debts, is an abnormal condition? Do you mean to say that it is normal when a man goes home drunk? Or that it is abnormal when he is sober and decent?

You say, "It is followed by reaction."

I say, "That's a lie," again.

It isn't true. But if it were true it is worth all the money spent, all the energy put forth, all the sleepless nights and all the meals you forget; for by and through a revival the hearts and minds of a community will be gripped and turned toward God, and the tide will be turned from the saloons toward the church, toward the Sunday School, toward decency, toward sobriety, toward virtue.

Lord, Revive Thy Work

If you have a child who is ill, you summon a physician. He diagnoses the difficulty, prescribes for the malady. The medicine binds up the disintegrating tissue, puts the bloom of health on the cheek of your little one so that he may stay in your arms twelve months longer than he could have done had the doctor not come. It

is worth every dollar that you paid the doctor for the happiness and the joy you have had of kissing your baby twelve months longer than you could have done had he not come. If some man will stagger down that aisle, give me his hand, walk home sober for a year, give his wife his pay, let his children climb on his knees and rub their hands through his hair—if at the end of a year he again staggers home drunk, it was worth every dollar spent to let that wife sleep for twelve months.

"O Lord, revive thy work!" The history of the church is a history of revival. How can any minister have the audacity to insult God by lifting himself against revivals and still claim to be a preacher? In my opinion he is a disgrace to the church. If he is your preacher, you can tell him so—I don't care whether he buttons his collar in front or behind.

You ask the man or woman who sits by your side, "When did you turn from sin to Jesus Christ?" and you will be dumbfounded to discover that about seven out of every ten will say, "At a time of special awakening."

I take issue with you right there.

The economy of nature provides for the occasional copious down-pour of rain, but you would be a fool to grumble because it didn't rain all the time.

It isn't unwise to have revivals in business—oh, no! I never heard of a community or a commercial club saying they were doing too much business. It isn't unwise to have a revival in politics—not at all! The government spends millions of dollars on educational buildings and books and teachers. And once in four years we hire halls, newspapers, editors, magazines and orators and this republic becomes a university in which to train voters. A number of them have backslidden and therefore some Democrats are going to vote the Republican ticket, and some Republicans are going to vote the Democratic

ticket; some are utterly indifferent. So we have a political revival, and they have a political evangelist chasing up and down the country spouting their doctrines from the rear end of a train. It is nothing but a great political revival, or awakening, that is being had—that's all! And so it is all through, no matter what it may be.

In the business world you have to make a market for the goods as well as to make the goods. A man may be an automaton and make the goods, but it takes a higher grade of intelligence to make a market for the goods than to make the goods. The highest grade of intelligence you can find today in any one class is the traveling man, for he has to be a fellow with a good bean on him to sell the goods.

Business Revival

Every community has a Chamber of Commerce, and all that, to create a business revival. We have an auto show—that is nothing but an auto revival to show us the new designs. We have a horse show—that is nothing but a horse revival to show how magnificently we are developing horse flesh to a standard of perfection. Colleges observe commencements—that keeps up the spirit of loyalty. What commencement is to colleges, revival is to religion; what health is to an individual, revival is to religion; what education is to culture, a revival is to religion.

It is the church's business to create a spirit of unrest in the hearts of the people and disgust them with sin so they will forsake their iniquities and become as God wants them. That is the mission of the church.

You cut the day of Pentecost out of civilization; you cut Peter and Paul out of civilization—what you have left wouldn't do to make a rummage sale.

If a man opens his soul toward business, he becomes a business man; toward politics, a politician; toward dishonesty, a thief; toward the saloon, a booze hoister; toward Jesus Christ, a Christian. My challenge to you, sir, is this: show me your faith by your works.

Oh, a boy can pick up a stone and break the cathedral window—yes, but it takes an artist to build it. A fool can light a match and burn down a structure that takes a skilled contractor and architect to erect. Oh, anybody can yank the leaves from a rose, but it takes God to make it and kiss it with the sunlight. A mob spat in the face of Jesus Christ, nailed Him to the cross, but God wakened Him and He rose from the dead. Let those who sneer at revivals find something that has produced a blessing and benefit equal to that in a revival of religion before they open their old jaws.

Horace Bushnell, one of the brightest tutors that Yale College produced for forty years, was pastor of the First Congregational Church of Hartford, Connecticut. Horace Bushnell said that if any man expects to carry on the cause of Jesus Christ on a steady, dead level, fearful lest the axles of God's chariot might kindle into a flame, he is too big a coward to be a leader of the Lord's hosts. When the preaching is faithful, when the prayers are earnest, when the lives of the people are pure, a revival will follow as naturally as the sun will shine.

Does It Cause Disrespect?

Somebody says: "A revival causes disrespect or brings disrespect to the cause of Christ." No! Because by and through the revival we confess that we have declined spiritually and need something to arouse us. You don't put the community in possession of some information they haven't already on tap—not at all! Honest confession is good for the soul!

You say, "A revival is temporary." So is a rain shower. So is a Pentecost. So was the reformation under Martin Luther—but the world feels the benefit of its blessings today.

A revival temporary? So is a bath! Take one, it will do you good!

You say, "It exalts the evangelist."

It does nothing of the kind. The evangelist has his place in the divine economy as much as the pastor. I am sick and disgusted.

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with a lot of fellows knocking somebody who doesn't do the same thing just the way he should. No, sir! I've got my place in God's divine economy just as much as January and February and October and November have in the calendar in the swinging of the sun. Where the word "pastor" is mentioned once in the Bible, "evangelist" is mentioned twice; so I've got him skinned two to one.

Now hold on a minute! I've got a great admiration for a man who can serve the church year in and year out and build the people up in their faith. God bless him! He has my prayers. God doesn't call me to do it. There is many a man whom God honors and blesses as the pastor of a church who would be a fizzle as an evangelist. On the other hand, He will bless an evangelist who would be a failure as pastor of a church. I never was called as pastor of a church but once, and that was when a man offered to give thirty-five hundred dollars a year toward my salary; but I didn't accept it. If I ever did make up my mind to do it, I would buy a round trip ticket—take it from me! But you can bet I would skin the gang while I was on the job.

A revival is a conviction of sin in the church. Backsliders are aroused, sinners are brought to Christ through a revival, and your faith is strengthened. The average man or woman today is blind to these conditions. Pray! Get your own heart and life right, then you begin to yearn and long to see other people right for Jesus Christ and for His truth. Oh, the truths of the Bible are a dream; they are a mirage to a great many people today. They never become a reality to them because they are in such a backslidden state and condition themselves.

I was in a town out in Iowa preaching in a little tent. An old farmer, a rich old fellow, asked me to go out to his house for dinner. I went with him one time. As we sat in the parlor he was pulling his bird-tail whiskers and trying to hit the spittoon thirty feet away—like that! Pretty soon he got up, walked across to the wall, took down a copy of Jayne's Almanac and began to turn the leaves. He said, "I am looking to see when the moon changes."

I said, "What for?"

"I want to mark my calves; I cut the slits out of the ears of some of them and they bled to death. I was told if I marked them in a certain time of the moon they would be all right."

"Do you believe that?" I asked.

He said, "Yes, I've had one of these almanacs in the house for twenty years."

I said, "That's queer that you will believe that. You have two kids, and if you would put them on the market tomorrow they wouldn't bring as much as one of those black-poll steers you have out in the field."

The trouble with people is that they spend too much time getting their hogs and cattle ready for market and too little time getting boys and girls ready for Heaven.

Revival? Get right yourself! You begin to realize that without Jesus Christ you are lost and drifting away from Christ and His truth! "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years . . . in wrath remember mercy."

When is a revival needed? When religion is not ideal. Christianity does not consist in certificates of church membership. Christianity does not consist of trotting out to church Sunday morning, keeping little spots seventeen inches square warm for a half hour, listening to a sermonette, putting a plugged, counterfeit cent into the collection plate and then singing, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

A preacher came to me out in Iowa and he said, "Bill, I thought I had done my duty when I held up the bleeding form of Jesus Christ and dilated upon His precepts. I find now that I've got a right to preach against sin."

Where Revival Is Needed

Many a man isn't fit for the balm of Gilead until you have given him the good old-fashioned

curry comb of the law and he begins to realize he needs Jesus Christ and something besides soothing syrup. Therefore, a revival is needed when there are feuds, factions, quarrels.

I owe more to Dr. Chapman than to any other man. I traveled with him as an assistant for two years. He picked me out of the corn rows of Illinois.

One time we went to a town up in Kansas to conduct a series of meetings. We were accustomed to having union meetings, but when we arrived on the scene in this town we found that they could have had a union meeting had it not been for a quarrel with the Presbyterian church. They had had a fuss and there were a few people alive and awake, up-to-date, who said they would withdraw. So they went down to the bank of the river, built a church, had a good live-wire preacher there who was going at a good gait all the time on high gear, while the other fellow had the brakes set.

We were being entertained in the home of this preacher in whose church we were holding the meeting. These two preachers lived side by side on the bank of the river. They had a high board fence right on the line, nine feet high, so the kids and wives couldn't scrap back and forth. I said to Doc one day, "I'd like to meet the pastor of the other church, the Presbyterian church."

He said, "Well, perhaps."

We were strolling down the street one day. His white necktie was flapping back and forth; he was wearing a silk hat and was twirling a cane. He said, "Yonder comes the pastor of the other church."

I said, "I'd like to meet him."

When we got in close quarters, they turned, looked in the opposite direction, as though the world or one another smelled bad. I said, "It's evident that you two fellows don't speak as you pass by."

He said, "No, sir! I haven't spoken to him for eight years."

I said, "Have you been preaching in the interim?"

He said, "Yes, sir."

I said, "Have you been administering the ordinance of communion and of baptism?"

He said, "Yes, sir."

I said, "If you died you would deserve to be in Hell now. If you are a Presbyterian you believe in predestination, foreordination, the final preservation by the saints. What sort of a Bible have you? My Bible says, 'If you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.' I would like to see the theological gymnastics that you display to sidestep that."

We stayed there a week; nobody was converted. We packed our trunks and left. The Spirit of God fled from the scene of strife and discord. You might as well expect a mummy to speak and bear children, as to expect people to be converted in a cold world of fault-finding, growling preachers.

A friend of mine was preaching in a town in Iowa when he took sick. He had to go to the hospital and have an operation. The ministerial association asked me to come and take the meeting in his absence. I was scheduled to begin another meeting in another town on the Lord's day, but I said, "If you can fix it up with the preachers in that other town, I'll be glad to do it."

They did, and wired me. I went and preached a week. The ministers had preached two weeks in that little town. They sent a man up there to preach in the interim, and he preached a week; then I went up and preached a week, but there wasn't a man, woman or child converted—not a one!

I preached but they seemed to sit spell-bound. One day a Methodist minister came up to see me, looking sad. He said, "Bill, one of my leading members was Doc

Stewart. He asked me for a letter of dismissal."

I said, "I wouldn't give it to him."

He said, "Well, we've done everything we can and we can't convince him that he is wrong. He is one of these bull-headed Scotchmen; you couldn't move him."

Trouble of One Man

I said, "What's the trouble?" He said, "Doc Stewart was a steward of the Methodist church. The mayor of the town was a steward in the same church. The school board was looking around for a site upon which to erect a new school building and Doc Stewart had a site to sell. A man who owed the mayor four hundred dollars had a site to sell. The school board voted to buy the site from this fellow who owed the mayor, and Doc charged the mayor with pulling strings so he could get his dough."

"You couldn't convince him that he was wrong. You couldn't turn Doc. When they met on the street they passed the lie, put up their dukes and went at it. The mayor gave an upper cut that sent Doc to the mat. He painted his eye."

One night I turned to the Presbyterian preacher, a fellow named Jordan, and said, "Who will I ask to pray?"

"Ask Doc Stewart to pray."

So I asked Doc Stewart to pray and he was game. He got up, cleared his throat and went at it.

Did you ever hear a threshing machine start up in the fall after she had stood out all winter and all summer without any grease? Well, you can know that old Doc was going some when he sweated out a celluloid collar.

He staggered through, and I said, "Now you get those fellows together and see if you can't fix it up."

So they got them and a number of the leading men together. Finally they got up, shook hands and buried the hatchet.

"Now," they said, "everybody in town knows about it."

The town was built this way—the courthouse was in the middle and the town was built around it. I said, "Lock arms, walk around town, around the courthouse square, and let everybody know it."

So they locked arms, walked around the courthouse square, then catcornered through it. Everybody in town rubbered. That night you couldn't get within a hundred feet of the building. I preached. Nobody was converted. People sat crying. I saw a woman get up and start down the aisle; she was so big she had to move in sections. She went through a cross aisle like that one, stopped by another woman, threw her arms around her and let out a yell like a Comanche Indian. She threw her arms up in the air like a Dutch windmill. I said, "What's the matter?"

Two society women had been scrapping for three or four years to see who would be recognized as society leader. A pastor said: "That big fat woman is a Methodist; the one sitting down is a Baptist. They are trying to settle the scrap."

I preached. Nothing happened. The next day I had a day of fasting and prayer. That afternoon two women who hadn't spoken to one another for four years got into the same home to pray. They spoke to everybody there and were cordial to everyone except one another. I heard about it and mentioned the fact. I said, "It's a disgrace; I'm ashamed to hear it." One woman sitting in the back near a post got up and said, "Brother Sunday, I feel horribly chagrined. I'm one of the two to whom you refer. I have made up my mind that I am going to get right tomorrow."

I said, "Sis, you had better do it now. You might die before

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Against Worldly Spirit

A revival is needed when there are prejudices and feuds and factions and fusses. A revival is needed when there is a worldly spirit. It isn't necessary to do something grossly inconsistent with the standards of morality and decency. No! A ship will ride the waves until the water gets into her; she was made to ride the water and not for the water to be in her.

The church is all right as long as she is in the world; she is all wrong when the world is in her. One of the troubles of the church today, my friends, is that she has joined the world, and that is the reason why the world won't join the church. It has lowered the standard of the church in the universe. Oh, the world is lousy with humbugs today—absolutely.

The churches are full of sour-faced religious crabapples who are trying to hand God a lemon.

Whoever works for the Devil will get his pay from the Devil. He will give you hell here and hell when you are through; and you play both ends against the middle. You are a big fool to follow the Devil. I tell you, religion has

done too much good for this old world for any buckeye and sawdust-filled fellow to knock. Don't forget that! No, sir! There are some men in some churches who are bigger rogues than some of the convicts in Sing Sing.

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It is no argument against religion, my friends, that there are black sheep in the flock. Please remember that the Devil at one time lived in Heaven. He had a chance but he passed it up. So if you mind your own faults you will have less time to find fault with other people. It will keep you busy looking out for yourself!

"O, Lord, revive thy work." A revival is needed when there is spiritual desolation among the multitude. I read in the paper that twenty-five thousand Presbyterians went to New York and

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through faith in the atoning blood note—you cannot overplay those. But there are some notes that need to be hit just once in a while.

You can overplay the Hell note. You can overplay the Heaven note. I do not want to shock you, but you can overplay the Second Coming note. I am a premillennial, pretribulation rapturist Christian. Don't misunderstand me! But listen, we are neglecting the fundamental notes in this country. You can overplay the church notes. You can overplay the body of Christ note. But you cannot overplay the evangelism note. God has only one program in this age and that is the program of evangelism. Everything is evangelism. That is the only program God has.

But I started out to say that this Psalm plays on all the notes.

"All That Is Within Me"

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name . . ."

God does not ask you to get something out that is not there. Some folks do not have much in them. Some folks are awfully shallow. "All that is within me!"

I used to have a sister just older than myself. She had a good husband. His business failed and he died and left her with nine children. I helped to take care of her children, educated all of her children. She was the sweetest thing you ever saw in your life. She had the keenest sense of gratitude of anybody I ever knew. I would just have to make her take money. Did you ever have any relatives that you had to take care of—the kind that wanted something every time they saw you? I had a relative like that. I never saw him any oftener than I had to!

Some of us go to God and say, "Give me, give me, give me." All you want is a handout! It is a wonder that God does not get disgusted with us. Did you ever go to God and God say, "What do you want?" and you answered, "God, I just want to be near You; I don't want anything—I just like to be near You?"

One day I was at my sister's house. I said, "Here is some money for you."

"Oh," she said, "Bob, I don't need a thing."

I said, "Yes you do; shut up!"

"No, I don't. You've already done too much for me!"

Oh, say, brother, you would give a person like that just anything. Some folks have such a sense of gratitude! 'All that is within me says hallelujah!' You know, God does not ask you for anything you do not have. If you are a little shallow fellow, He knows it.

"Forget Not All His Benefits"

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

It is very easy to forget, isn't it? God has been so good to us. He has been good to me. I wonder if you would think me immodest if I told you this?

Twenty-three years ago my son and his mother and I stayed down here at the LaSalle Hotel. This time while I am in town I am staying over there just for old-times sake. (I had not stayed there since the fire.) I sat here and heard him preach the other day and I said, "Isn't God good to me? Suppose he were in jail. Suppose my boy were in a drunkard's ditch?" It is so easy for us to take God for granted and our blessings for granted!

You take your wife for granted. You take your friends for granted. (My wife and I had an anniversary the other day. We had been married forty years. She has great big black eyes and white hair. They go together so well!) We just take so much for granted! We should not forget all His benefits. Say, aren't you glad you live in this country where you have the privilege of hearing the gospel?

"Who Redeemeth Thy Life From Destruction."

"Who forgiveth all thy iniquities; who healeth all thy dis-

eases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction."

He has done that for me. I stayed in the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, the night before the fire. I was in that hotel and planned to stay the night the fire came. I finished my business in Atlanta. I was due in Mobile, Alabama, the next day; had reservations at the hotel there. I called up the hotel and said, "Say, I can get a train reservation out of here. I will come down to Mobile tonight. Can you take care of me?"

They said, "Dr. Jones, we are sorry. There is a convention here. We haven't a bed. There are cots all over the place. We have a reservation for you tomorrow, but we can't take care of you until then."

I said, "All right, I'll just stay here." But something kept saying, "Get out of here!" I cannot describe the feeling.

I called another hotel in Mobile. It happened that a friend of mine was at the desk. He said, "Yes, Dr. Bob, I have a room for you; come on." I caught the train and went on down.

That night the Winecoff fire came. When the fire came, my phone began to ring and folks said, "Oh, we just heard over the radio about the fire in the Winecoff at Atlanta and thought you were there!" Now, what took me out? Listen!

When you get to Heaven you will find that there were ten thousand deliverances in your life that you never even knew about. I would have been dead and in eternity had I stayed in that hotel that night. Everybody on that side of the building on the floor I was on burned to death.

"Who Crowneth Thee With Loving Kindness and Tender Mercies"

I would like to preach a sermon on those words, "loving kindness and tender mercies." If a man comes to your house and says, "I am hungry," and you give him something to eat; that is kindness. But it is not necessarily loving kindness. Loving kindness is handing him something to eat and saying, "God bless you, I am sorry you are up against it," and then telling him good-bye when he has eaten."

"Tender mercies." If a judge in a court room should say to me, "I'll be merciful to you! Get out of here!" I would be glad to get out. But if the judge should say, "I'm going to be merciful to you. I am sorry you got in trouble. Be a good boy now"—that would be tender mercy. I think we Christian people could learn something about that. We need lessons in this matter.

"Who Satisfieth Thy Mouth With Good Things . . ."

I am so glad I have a sense of taste. I would never eat if I did not have; honest I wouldn't. It is my sense of taste that makes me eat. I would not stop to eat if I did not get hungry. Did you ever thank God for your sense of taste? Suppose you did not know sugar from quinine?

"The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

We need today to get a new conception of God Almighty's justice. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12: 19). Almighty God knows how to take care of your enemies. Thank God, you have Him on your side.

"He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

Suppose you got what you deserved? You would be in Hell. Every one of us would be there!

"For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the

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backslid. You couldn't find them with a fine-tooth comb or a search warrant. Lost. Not doing a thing for the church of God!

You will find them in every denomination—the Episcopal, the Methodist, the Baptist, the Lutheran, the Reformed, and all! We have a hundred million population in the United States and there are seventy-two million who are not identified with any church—Catholic or Protestant! Last year 7,500 made reports that not one accession on confession of faith did they have. They are a lot of dead ones—a lot of dead ones! That is what's the matter.

Need Panic in Religion

Oh, we need a panic in religion! The world doesn't need reforming, the world needs transforming by the blood of Jesus Christ! Mighty few people are being saved. Every church has its constituency. Some men go to church—you, a Methodist; you, a Reformed; you, a Lutheran; you, an Episcopalian; you, a Presbyterian—why? Oh, your wife goes there, your mother was a member there, your children go to that Sunday School. So you have your property and your religion in your wife's name!

Every church has its constituency; whenever you go, you go there. If you feel at home under these circumstances, all right. Take the Sunday School. How few of the Sunday School scholars are being saved and brought into the church! How few people are being saved! Most men are touched by church influence some time, but they are allowed to drift away—no family altars in our homes! Oh, we are letting our children grow up like wild ass's colts today. No family altar; no wonder they are going to the Devil. No wonder that, with the dew of youth on their brows, your girls feed the red light districts! No wonder the age of the prostitute in the last nine years in this country has fallen from twenty-three and twenty-six, down to fifteen and seventeen. That is the average age of the prostitute today—fifteen to seventeen! Ten years ago it was from twenty-three to twenty-six. No wonder!

Seventy-two per cent of our criminals are young men under twenty-one.

"O Lord, revive thy work." May God yield the success that attends the preaching of the Word. If the preacher stands up to speak the truth, some God-forsaken old mountebank will object. But take it from me, Bud; I want to tell you you have no more business to run the church because you have a little dough than that fellow who sits there who hasn't got a sou. Take your money and go to the Devil. You can dictate to some preachers because you've got a little money, but you won't tell this preacher how to preach. You have put your eyeball on one whom you can't tell how to preach. It won't do you any good. Not that I know all about it, but I know I am preaching for God, I am preaching to the people. There is a big difference between preaching for God and preaching to God. Any time you don't like it you can beat it.

"O Lord, revive thy work." Another thing. A revival is needed when sinners are careless; licentious, grafting, Sabbath-breakers. My friends, we've got to have a general religious awakening in this country or it will mean the dissolution of the home and of the church and of the state. I want you to know that I am no pessimist about that, either.

America Up Against It

You have to judge by past history, and America is up against it good and strong. I don't know why people are sick. I don't know why God wants us to plant seed in March or April—I don't know anything about that. I don't know why God Almighty had a blood sacrifice to save the world. But the history of the world reveals the fact that you can find the lowest state of morals in individuals and communi-

Defence of Revival

ties and nations at the greatest height of prosperity, and that the highest standard of morals have walked hand-in-hand with periods of great affliction, my friends, or of war or of something that has chastised the nation; and God Almighty will start the suffering. You can't work a shell game on God all your life! You can't hand Him the hot end of the poker all your days!

"O Lord, revive thy work." And against this revival you will find every black-legged gambler; you will find every brewer of the state; you will find every madame of the red light; you will find every gunman; you will find good-for-nothing God-forsaken hobo, riffraff, plug-ugly, rag-shag and bobtail of society who feeds and fattens and gormandizes upon the virtues, the manhood, the womanhood of others. They will lift themselves against this revival. Think twice if you want to line up with a dirty bunch like that.

"O Lord revive thy work." Now, why haven't we had a revival? I will tell you. Listen! It's because you have no faith in them. You thought you could get along without God's way of doing things. Oh, but wait a minute! God Almighty won't allow the church, God won't allow the preachers, God won't allow the community to lose faith in this form of service.

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Oh, some fellows with their mutton chop whiskers, their white neckties and their bell bottomed trousers have said the days of revivals are over. Oh, bless them! One day when they shouted, God Almighty stopped making worlds. He fell down, leaned over the battlements of glory, called down into the coal mine and said:

"O-h-h, Roberts, come here." And that Welsh coal miner, (Continued on page 8)

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The Great White Throne

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failed to pass, there would come another year and another chance. But, there is no fountain for cleansing beyond the gates of death. Only in this life, only in this age, can any man find salvation through the shed blood of Christ. If you trample under foot that blood there remains nothing "but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." The sentence from that throne is eternal. There is no second chance!

In the third place, it is a great throne because those standing before it are not on trial; the facts are already in. It is simply a public manifestation of facts that are already in the hands of God and as we have lived here shall be revealed there.

Years ago Captain Arkwright sought to climb Mt. Blanc in the Swiss Alps. Suddenly the snow gave way beneath him and he was plummeted down, down into the crevasse of a great glacier. His companions could not even locate the body. Someone said, "Well, listen—this glacier is a moving thing" and they ascertained that according to its rate of flow his body should be ejected at the snout thirty years from then. Thirty years later they gathered, a little group of old men, and waited throughout the long summer. At the very end of the summer season the body was disgorged from the glacier and the men stood aghast. One said, "I felt as though I stood at the last judgment!" The passing of the years had left its mark on their faces, but here was their leader looking the same as he had thirty years before. One of them, with a trembling hand, reached into the captain's pocket and took out the jackknife with which he had whittled in the lodge just before they started that fatal trip and it all came back crystal-clear, the day they had spent together thirty years before.

My friend, the way you are living right now in Chicago this May 2, 1949, will be revealed at the great white throne judgment if you stand there lost. Make no mistake about that! It is a great, white, searching throne and you cannot get away from the fact of it.

The Majestic Christ

Having seen the throne, John saw "Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away." What a fearful judge is this! His majesty overwhelms all creation. "Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. How much more abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?" (Job 15:15, 16). With what solemn dignity is an earthly trial invested. When the magistrate enters we stand out of deference to his position, though conscious that the judge, too, is a sinner like we are, but here is Incarnate Holiness and Justice outraged. Here is the tender Saviour no longer, but the Judge with mailed fist bringing souls to grips with the flaming eye of God. There is no escape.

I think of that unhappy German princess who left orders to build her tomb so strong that God Himself could never pry into her secret in the day of judgment. But the little root of a tree moved in between the ponderous marble slabs and one day the great iron bands burst and the marble slab angled up through the sod. To this day it is called The Tomb of the Open Door.

The Dead Before God

John cries, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God." My, what a sea of faces!

Years ago my telephone rang and a friend of mine said, "Lennard did you tell me that you and your family had all your savings in the Pacific Savings and Loan Company?"

I said, "That's right, Jack." He said, "There has been a run on that bank for two days and it is closing its doors today." To the day of my death I shall not forget that. Every cent we had on earth was in that bank.

The depression was on. Nobody could get work. My dad, mother, brother and myself started down the street. I shall never forget how my heart was pounding.

When we reached the area of the bank we saw the streets black with people. For two blocks the line-up stood. The police put us in line and the hours dragged by. Finally as we got to where we were just outside those great glass doors rumors came that at any moment the bank might close. How our hearts were pounding! All we had—we would have starved to death if we could not have gotten inside those doors. We came up to the very doors and how anxious I was to get inside! I would shove a little harder, and somebody was shoving behind me. The police would say, "Take it easy! Take it easy! TAKE IT EASY!" Finally we got over the threshold and inside.

Just as we got inside, the president of the bank said, "All right, those who are inside will be paid off; those who are outside cannot be." And a policeman closed the doors!

The street leading down to the bank was down the side of a hill. I shall never forget seeing a little woman come and throw herself against the glass doors, with the palms of her hands up against them. I can hear her scream yet: "Oh, my God, my God! Let me in! I'll starve to death! All my money is in that bank!" Men and women

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"Bless the Lord!"

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west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

I do not know how far that is, God; but if there is any distance further than that, take mine on further. I do not know how far that is, but You can't get mine too far to suit me!

"Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him."

Do you know what comfort is? Comfort is the hand of pity pulling you out of the ditch, brushing the dirt off you and telling you to be careful. Isn't that good? Pity!

"For He Knoweth Our Frame; He Remembereth That We Are Dust"

I am surely glad He knows mine. I am Irish. If I were dealing with a God who did not know the Irish blood, I would be up against it.

A fellow one time said about me, "If you fuss long enough and give him time, he will eventually do right. He will come around after a while." "He knoweth our frame." He looks down and says, "Look what he is made out of. What else do you expect of him? He is nothing but dirt, anyhow." He remembers that we are dust.

You know, the wonderful thing to me is that God loved me and sent Jesus to die for me. The

most wonderful thing is that the thing works. I have often thought of that day when He is going to present me faultless in the presence of His glory. One day I am going to be put on exhibition.

You watch me! I am going to be a model. I am going to walk by the throne of God. God will look me over. Jesus will say, "What do you think of him?" God will say, "He is perfect, absolutely flawless!" Brother, that is going some for me! "Present us faultless!"

Wait a minute. Let me say to you by way of parenthesis that we ought to try to be blameless now. We cannot be faultless but we ought to be blameless down here in this world.

"As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless

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the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul!"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all,
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
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And crown Him Lord of all,
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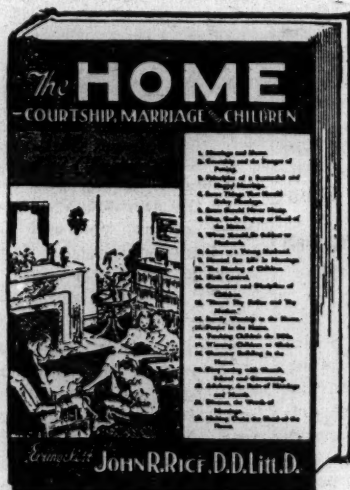


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With The Editor

Here I am back in my beloved office-study again, with my workers around me, with dear familiar books on the shelves, pictures of my family and favored friends and of great revival crowds on the wall. We closed last night a blessed tent revival campaign in Springfield, Missouri. After heavy duties this week, I go next Sunday, June 12, to Lockwood, Missouri, for a united campaign in the high school auditorium.

A Happy Close to Springfield Campaign

Last night there were twelve or fifteen professions of faith in the closing service under the big tent over 200 feet long, in Springfield, Missouri. One of the first converts was a white-haired old man. His wife and, I think, his married daughter, followed him down the aisle rejoicing as he came to claim Christ. His face was grim, sad, sober, deeply moved. They praised the Lord aloud. After he had been carefully instructed and dealt with in the inquiry room back of the platform, he came back by the pulpit all smiles! He shook hands with me and went on back to his seat shaking hands with people right and left, with the glory of Heaven in his face! Several other grey-headed men found Christ last night.

Although the campaign had not as much preparation as needed and consequently did not have the full cooperation of many churches who otherwise should have joined heartily in it, yet God graciously poured out His Spirit from Heaven, there was a wonderful reviving among the saints of God, hundreds of children were saved in special children's meetings in six friendly churches and in the tent, conducted by Mr. Everett Mills of Los Angeles, the song leader for the campaign. A good many others were saved in the tent. Praise the Lord for the power of the gospel when preached in the Spirit!

Other Blessings Promised for Sword Conferences on Revival

Dr. Monroe Parker, Assistant to the President and Religious Director of Bob Jones University, was not on the printed program of the Sword Conferences on Revival at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, July 11-17. However, he has graciously consented to come for a Bob Jones University day Friday, July 15, at the conference. What a time of blessing we will have, with Dr. Bob Jones, Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, Evangelist Bill Rice, Evangelist Covell Keenum, Emil Aanderud, Ted Mercer and others.

Dr. I. N. Yearby, pastor of the large Trinity Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, thinks he can be with us for a day to add to the already rich program of the Sword Conference on Revival at the Baptist State Assembly Ground, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, August 7-14. He is a powerful preacher, a fervent and godly man. It will be fine to have his help, along with the tremendous program already planned.

We have also prevailed upon Fred Hawkins, a miller from Springfield, Missouri, who has

been remarkably used in personal soul winning efforts, to give his testimony at the Siloam Springs conference. He will tell how he was won to Christ by a man coming to see him every day for three months to talk to him about his soul; how he won an army general to Christ, a drunkard at the point of suicide. Your heart will burn within you as you learn to win men at this conference.

You may have, on request, folders with pictures of speakers, with complete program, with expenses and other information on either of the three summer conferences on revival, sponsored by The Sword of the Lord:

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I earnestly appeal for your prayers. We have great need for wisdom and for help from the Lord.

My new book, *The Power of Pentecost*, 448 pages, is now being printed. Thousands of dollars will be needed to pay for typesetting, printing and binding.

Pray for the Extension Department, that God will help Brother Bill and me to get the gospel out every way possible through the eleven men now showing these films either part-time or full-time. May God send us the man to head this Extension Department, get dates for the men, supervise and promote the work. Pray that doors will open so that thousands may be saved and the work of The Sword of the Lord may be promoted through this agency.

Please pray for my engagements for next winter. May the Lord give wisdom to reject every invitation but those clearly in His will. I have held most of the winter open, waiting on God. Where there is deep concern for revival, I will be glad to have an advance man come to enlist pastors, help work out details for a revival campaign either for me or for Brother Bill.

old woman seventy-seven years old, and another a man of about seventy. The whole community was aroused under the power of the Spirit of God. Many came forward to reconsecrate their lives to Christ. Others started family altars in their homes. There were only a few members to carry the burden of the meeting, so we call it another modern miracle. Praise God, revivals are not a thing of the past but a present-day possibility when God's people are willing to pay the price."

Pastor Writes of Blessed Revival Campaign, Martinsburg, Pa., With Evangelist Jim Mercer

We are happy to have the following report, written by Pastor Robert Miller of the First Brethren Church, concerning a "Covenant" campaign in which the First Brethren Church and others cooperated. Brother Miller writes:

"Without a doubt God used Evangelist Jim Mercer to bring the most outstanding revival ever experienced in this section. Hundreds of people came to the meeting that had not attended revival meetings for years. It is estimated that over two thousand heard the message of salvation, not counting the radio and outside engagements. Over 250 made profession of faith in the public schools. Many were brought to Christ by the radio messages. During the last week the tabernacle was packed to capacity on week nights and on Sundays the building could not seat those who came from miles to hear the old-fashioned gospel preached in all its winsomeness and life-giving power. Brother Mercer has a way of preaching plain, calling sin by name and reaching down into the hearts of all who attend. From the first Sunday night souls were saved. In a section that is 'churched' beyond the average, God moved many souls to make clean-cut decisions in response to the straightforward, powerful preaching of this man of God.

"Plans are under way to have Brother Mercer return for next year for three weeks in larger quarters. Too many had to be turned away from the overflow meetings."

The Christian Laymen's Association of Morrison's Cove officially sponsored the campaign, with the cooperation of a number of churches. We praise God for His anointing on our brother, Evangelist Jim Mercer.

Evangelist Reinhold A. Barth Blessed in First Baptist Church of Abilene, Kansas

We are happy to have a letter from Rev. Ralph H. Manchec, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Kansas, reporting on a happy eight-day revival effort in his church, conducted by Rev. Reinhold A. Barth who is the Youth for Christ Representative for the Upper Central Region. Mrs. Helen McAlarney Barth blessed the hearts of many with her singing. There were twenty-six public professions of faith in Christ, family altars were established, Christians began to tithe, backsliders came back to the Lord, Christians began to win souls. Thirteen new members have been added to the church as the result of the campaign and others are expected to join. Brother Manchec says: "The messages of Reinhold Barth and the songs of Mrs. Barth were used of the Holy Spirit in a mighty way to stir the hearts of the people."

Evangelist Earl K. Lashley Has Good Revival Near Glasgow, Kentucky

We are grateful for a good letter from Mr. Sylvester Huff telling of a blessed revival time at the Martin Tabernacle near Glasgow, Kentucky, May 1-15. Evangelist Earl K. Lashley of St. Louis Crossing, Indiana, did the preaching. Mr. Huff says, "The Holy Spirit seemed to be with us at the very first service, and He worked among us in mighty power throughout the entire revival. There were twelve souls saved, eight backsliders received back into fellowship with God, and the whole congregation was wonderfully blessed, and revived."

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The Great White Throne

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screamed and fainted. The police had their hands full.

What on earth will it be like to stand lost before the flaming throne of God and hear Jesus say, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity; I never knew you?"

The Books Were Opened

"And the books were opened!" In most libraries one finds a number of old codgers dozing over their books, but, believe me, when these books are opened, there is no inattention. Eternal destiny is at stake and the universe comes to with a start.

First, I think there will be the *Book of Unforgiven Sins*. If you are saved, you will have no record there since "the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). If you are unsaved, how you will tremble when that book is opened! First are your sins of the flesh and, my friends, America is rotten to the core.

Two years ago in Portland, Oregon, there were 9,700 marriages, 8,600 divorces. Last year Los Angeles had 16,000 marriages, 17,000 divorces. Last year Chattanooga, Tennessee, had 760 marriages, 1,556 divorces! Now God calls that adultery regardless of what you call it. Last year we had a fifteen-billion-dollar crime bill which means that, if you are the head of a family, some \$600 went out of your pocket in taxes last year to fight crime alone.

Then there are the sins of the heart, the envy and the hatred of others and that diabolical pride which will not let you bow down to Divine authority.

Then the sins of the tongue, the slander, the back-biting, the profanity, the hyper-criticism.

When the *Book of Unforgiven Sins* is opened the past lives again and stalks before the souls of the lost while a frown of indignation gathers on the face of God and the air is turned to darkness with the wrath to come. In that hour Nero, Hitler, Bloody Mary, Robespierre and Stalin will shiver and will answer to God for their high crimes, but the worst sin any man can ever answer for is treading under foot the blood of Christ. Some of you will certainly tremble when the *Book of Unforgiven Sins* is opened!

Then there will be the *Book of Privileges*. Think of it—a record of all the sermons you ever heard! What a start you will have with one hundred sermons facing you. Then all the strivings of the Spirit: So many sicknesses, accidents, escapes, warnings!

There they are, leaf after leaf of glorious opportunities, page after page, column after column, line after line, precept upon precept, day after day. You are without excuse.

Then there is the *Book of Life* with its names written with Christ's hand and read with Christ's voice. What a terrifying moment to gaze on that book where your name ought to be and see nothing but an awful blank. You are not undone by the absence of good works, but by the absence of your name and those names are written only in the Blood of the Lamb.

Again, the fact of evil works need not keep your name out. Let us look at the book. Here is the name of Jacob. Oh, brother, what a life he led until God ironed him out. Here's David. What? That murderer and adulterer? Hold on a moment! What God has cleansed, don't you call unclean. Here's Paul who trailed even women and committed them to prison. How on earth did he make it? Well, he didn't make it, my friends; Jesus made it for him. Paul had sense enough not only to believe the doctrine, but to trust the Person, and there is no brighter name in the book.

Finally, there is one last Book, and for that I thank God with every drop of blood in me. Chained to the throne of God is the blessed Book that I hold in my hand, the Bible. Paul says that the day is coming when God shall judge the secrets of men according to His gospel.

Someone says, "You are too cockeyed overconfident! You are

so sure you are saved! Suppose you should stand before the throne of God lost?" But God says, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89). If God could make a mistake—He can't—but suppose the Lord Jesus would start to say, "Depart from Me." I would say, "Wait a minute, God. On Your throne is a Book. I want to open a page, if I may."

God would say, "All right."

I would say, "Look here, 'Who-soever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.' Lord, don't You remember when as a youth of nineteen I came forward before a packed church and took Jesus as my Saviour?"

In a law court a statute book ends all argument. And with God Almighty what is written in His Word is final. I know my soul is saved!

I was preaching the other day in Olympia, the capital of my home state. At the end of the message I looked out in the congregation and saw a man with the most amazing look of mingled hope and fear I had ever seen on a human face. When the service was finished I felt impelled to go and speak to him. He said, "Don't talk to me; I'm an atheist."

I replied, "No, you're not an atheist. You may have been when you came into this meeting, but you are not now."

He looked at me and said, "Well, I am!"

I said, "No, you're not. You know there is death and you know there is a judgment."

He started to tremble and said, "Don't rush me, Preacher. This is the first sermon I ever heard in my life. I never was in a church before."

The last day I preached there he came again. When the service came to a close and I gave the invitation, suddenly I had the joy of seeing that seventy-six year old man step out in the aisle and come forward. He knelt there at the altar in that church. As I leaned down to deal with him, suddenly he looked up and the tears were streaming down his face. He said, "Preacher, I am seventy-six years old, and this is the first moment of peace I have ever known. I know that God is real and I know now that Jesus died for me. I know, too, that I will never face the judgment."

My friend, how about you? "Who-soever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Won't you call on him in this hour? Then you, too, can be saved.

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With the Evangelists
Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

By the Editor

Dr. Arthur Fox in Great Revival at Naval Base, S. C.

We have a nice letter from Pastor Ira M. Beach, of the Charleston Heights Baptist Church, Naval Base, South Carolina. He tells of a great revival campaign led by Dr. Arthur Fox. He says,

"We had 218 additions, most of them by profession of faith." Song leader Stroh was in charge of the music for the services.

The pastor says, "Your fine paper still continues to bless."

"He is a wonderful Saviour, isn't he?"

Thank God for every report of a blessed revival with the salva-

tion of sinners and renewing of the saints of God.

Evangelist F. A. Wirth Reports

We are happy to have further word about the blessed revival campaign by Evangelist F. A. Wirth of Petersburg, Illinois, at Allegan, Michigan. Brother Wirth writes:

"We praise God for the good start you had in the revival at Springfield. We are praying that God will give you many souls. He is able.

"God gave us a blessed revival in the Bible Church at Allegan, Michigan, the latter part of April and the first part of May. There were thirty-seven who came for salvation, one of them was an

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472 DECISIONS REPORTED BY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

By **EVANGELIST BILL RICE**, Director
Sword Extension Department

We have been tallying up some recent reports that have come in from the Extension Department and find that our men have recently conducted 108 services showing the sound films of sermons by my brother, Dr. John R. Rice, and myself. In these 108 services, these men report 472 decisions for Christ. Of this number, 59, were first-time decisions, outright conversions. Our men reported that 413 of these decisions were those who came forward who honestly did not know whether or not they had ever been saved or who felt they had been saved but had wandered far away from God and wanted to come back to confess their sins and rededicate their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

There have been other services conducted that have not been officially reported as yet. For example two nights ago film evangelist James Stoutenborough conducted a service in Oregon in which there were some twenty-one rededications to the Lord Jesus after showing the two films, "He That Winneth Souls," and "I Am the Way."

Sword Films Effective

We have received many, many reports from pastors concerning the effectiveness of these films. The sound film, "He That Winneth Souls Is Wise," is an illustrated sermon on sound film by my brother, Editor John R. Rice. In this film he shows the sevenfold sins of those who do not win souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. This is powerful preaching! It is convicting! Point by point and step by step, Dr. Rice shows that any Christian wickedly sins if he does not seek to win others to the Lord Jesus Christ. Each point of the sermon is illustrated. You see Dr. Rice enter the pulpit and begin reading the Scriptures and then his Bible is flashed on the screen that you may read the Scripture along with him. Then as he discusses the sevenfold sin of those who do not seek to win souls, the camera visualizes the illustrations he uses. For example, when Dr. Rice speaks of the vine and the branches, the camera takes you to a vineyard where you actually see grapes on the vines. When he speaks of his dying mother's last request, the camera switches you to a humble home where this touching scene is re-enacted. This makes the most of the possibilities of the visualization of gospel preaching. Many, many Christians are stirred as they see and hear this powerful sermon and dedicate themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Or take the sermon of mine, "I Am the Way." I have used this message again and again in youth rallies and in revival campaigns all over America. God has seen fit to bless it to the heart of many and hundreds, I suppose, have come to Christ as the invitation has been given at the conclusion of this simple message. It has a great deal of humor in it and some tears as well. This simple message is now on sound film and we are receiving enthusiastic reports that have blessed our hearts from so many pastors and churches where it has been shown. One pastor wrote to say that he was going to point out that Jesus is "the way" from now on rather than preach so many other things. A young boy wrote to say that his father had been saved in their home as he saw this film. And we have had many blessed reports through the effectiveness of this film.

Our third film is "The Dying Thief," another sermon by my brother. This message points out

how the dying thief was saved and some lessons that we may learn from the salvation of the dying thief.

If you would like one of our film evangelists to come to your church or Christian organization, he will gladly do so without charge. He will show two of these films, give everyone present a copy of our paper and urge the lost to turn to Jesus Christ. Since these men have no regular salary but must depend upon this work to enable them to live, we do ask that an offering be received for them. If you would like to have a showing of these films in your church, kindly write to me, Evangelist Bill Rice, Extension Department, 214 W. Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois and we will arrange a date for you.

California, Please Notice!

Virgil C. Wemmer, brilliant young student of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, has joined our Extension Staff as a part-time worker. Mr. Wemmer served in a photographic department during the late war and is an experienced hand with sound films. Before enrolling in Biola, Mr. Wemmer was associated in the offices of the Sword of the Lord



Virgil C. Wemmer

and is now joining the Extension Staff as a part-time worker. He will be available to show films in California on week-ends and will be available for full-time work this summer. We feel that many pastors will want to have him supply their pulpits during their summer vacations. He could bring a message for the morning service and show our sound films in the evening service. This splendid young man loves the Lord and will be glad to help you win souls and revive Christians.

To secure the services of Mr. Wemmer, either write him direct, Rev. Virgil C. Wemmer, 526 N. Centre Street, San Pedro, California, or write to me and we will secure dates for you.

With the Evangelists

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Pastor Writes Commending Evangelist Eddie Wagner

From Hoover Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Rev. Claude F. Moffitt, pastor, we received the following fine word:

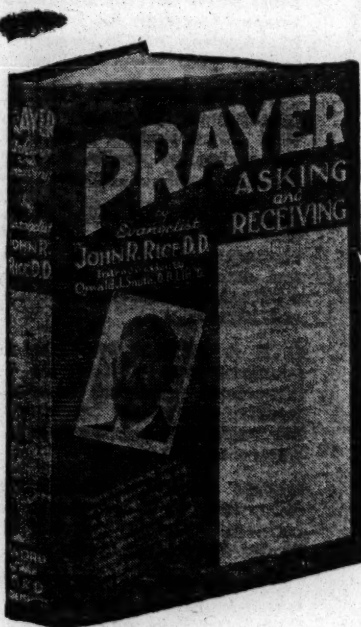
"Dear Brethren:

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Defence of Revival

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with his cap on, with his face grimed with coal and burnt powder, with his lamp burning, crawled up out of the bowels of the earth and said: "Who called me? What do You want, Lord?"

"I haven't got a preacher or a college professor in all Wales whom I can trust with the job and I want you to start a religious awakening."

God Almighty, through that crude, illiterate coal miner, started one of the greatest religious awakenings that has been recorded in the history of the world since Peter preached at Pentecost.

God grabbed up the Welsh revival, hurled it into the faces of the knockers and said: "Take that, you mutt!"

They said, "The days of revivals are over."

And God called Torrey. God poked His head in the door of that university and called for that infidel agnostic professor and sent him out. I would rather sit at the feet of R. A. Torrey and hear him expound the Scriptures than any man I know of in America. God sent him preaching around the world. And God picked up the Torrey and Alexander revival and hurled it into the faces of the knockers and said: "Take that, you mutt!"

They said, "The days of revival are over."

And God called to my friend, Dr. Chapman, and sent him preaching up and down the land, across the seas and to the antipodes, China, Japan, the Malay peninsula. He held up the bleeding form of Jesus Christ until thousands came weeping into the kingdom of God, and God said: "Oh, take that, you mutts."

"The days of revivals ah ovah!" So you say.

Revivals Can Be Had When Preachers and Churches Want Them

When you come to the place that you believe in revivals, then you can have them. Nobody ever heard me say an unkind word against the ministerial institution, and they never will. All I preach against is the fellow who doesn't preach the truth. I want to preach the truth with all the vim I've got.

Nobody has ever heard me ridicule a minister. Nobody has ever heard me argue with any man who differs from me religiously or any other way. I haven't any time to stop to argue with every little yellow dog that barks along the highway.

Yet the responsibility for no revivals has got to be thrown at the door of the preachers of the country. If they will stop fighting theological sham battles and go to preaching God's truth, you will see the greatest religious awakening the world has ever looked at. If you have lost your spirit of concern, it's because the preacher has lost his. That's sure! I will allow no man on earth to go beyond me in paying tribute to culture, intellectual greatness, social distinction; but the man who stands in the pulpit must have the mind and the spirit of God, sir, and of Christ.

He has to speak with a passion for souls, and if he tries to sleep, God will awaken him.

You never heard me say an unkind word about the church. I love the church with every drop of blood in my body, every corpuscle, every cell, every molecule, vein, artery, hair and cuticle. She's the best institution on the top of God's dirt. But I know her weakness.

What kind of man would you consider me if I would accept the invitation of the ministers of the churches and then stand up and knock the church of God Almighty and knock the ministry as an institution? No, not I! Not with all the strength that God gives me! Never! The church is a blessing. But I'll tell you this: You have had no revivals because the church of God has been indifferent to them. You have had no revival because she's been cold and formal. You can't scald a hog in ice water. No, sir!

You have had no revival because you have been as dignified, stiff, staid, cold, my friends, as tombstones. You have had no revival because you have been

worldly. Spurgeon once preached a sermon, the subject of which was, "How Saints May Help the Devil." One way saints may help the Devil is to discourage the efforts that are being put forth to beat the Devil. The Devil hates a revival, but he is dead stuck on the attitude that some preachers and church members take toward it. It is to try and weaken the hands of those who are trying to make headway against the Devil. It is to dampen the ardor of those who are against the Devil. It is to discourage others from uniting their efforts and their influence.

If I knew all the devils on earth were here and sat in the seats to leer at me with their hot, wilting, burning breath, led by the cohorts of Hell, I would keep shooting away God's truth into their ranks with all the power that I possess. I repeat that the most effective means, in my opinion, that any man or woman can employ to publicly demonstrate your insensibility as a citizen and your absolute indifference to decency, is to oppose a great work and a great campaign like this that has for its only purpose the making of men and women as God Almighty wants men and women to be. That is all there is to it.

If it were not for that purpose, you couldn't get me to come. You haven't got money enough in your bank vaults or in the government subtreasury, my friends, to hire me to come and work on that basis if I didn't believe you were lost and on the road to Hell. You haven't got enough to do it!

Christians Care for Other Things More Than Revival

"O Lord, revive thy work." One reason it is so difficult to have the work of God advanced is that there are so many people in the church who care more about other things than they do about a revival. They care more about money. They care more about politics. They care more about business. They care more about society. Some of you women break your fool necks to keep your name on the calling list of some society woman to get the opportunity to stick your feet under her mahogany and drink her booze and champagne and then stagger home soused. You work more at that than to please Jesus Christ. That's your ideal of life and the way to live in the world. Oh, no!

I tell you there is hardly a city on earth that doesn't need to be taken down to God's bathhouse and have the hose turned on it for righteousness and truth in the name of the Lord.

One preacher came to me out in Iowa and said, "Mr. Sunday, what we need is an ethical revival."

I said, "Forget it, Bud! Forget it! You can starve to death on ethical stuff."

Sure you can. Go to Hell with that ethical revival. What we need is a revival that will give us a better home.

Oh, there is a great tendency today to break down the family altar. Father forgets that he is the priest. Mother forgets that she represents Jesus Christ. They turn their kids over to some governess or nurse who is only interested in their children because it means so many dollars a week salary—that's all. And she hangs around and kisses and hugs a Pomeranian.

This revival, my friend, is one tide from an old sea that has swept the world since Pentecost.

"O Lord, revive thy work." We need a revival that will give us more men for the ministry. We are facing a crisis in the ministry today. More are leaving the ministry. I have been trying to preach in my crude, illiterate, jabbering jargon for twenty years up and down the land, ever since I put off the spikes.

For twenty years I have been going up and down the land holding up the bleeding form of Jesus Christ as God's atonement for sin and doing my best to help people to Jesus. I would rather preach than anything on earth. If President Harding should telegraph me, or telephone me tomorrow, and say, "Bill, will you change jobs with me?" I'd say "Nothin' doin'—Warren."



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